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For: OXYGEN SCAVENGING POLYAMIDE COMPOSITION SUITABLE FOR PET  
BOTTLE APPLICATIONS

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of this application, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

Please add the following claims:

47 (new). The composition of claim 1 wherein said polyamide blend comprises a blend of nylon 6I/6T and nylon 6.

48 (new). The film of claim 47 wherein said polydiene is polybutadiene.

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49 (new). The composition of claim 48 wherein said oxidation promoting metal salt catalyst comprises a cobalt carboxylate salt.

REMARKS

In this application in response to the Restriction Requirement in the parent application, the claims of Group I (claims 1-8, 11-17, 19-23, 34, 37 and 38) are presented. By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 47-49 have been added to define further features of Applicants' invention. Claims 47-49 correspond, respectively, to claims 29-31 of the parent application.

Applicants submit that claims 1-8, 11-17, 19-23, 34, 37, 38 and 47-49 are patentable and should be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,  
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